

LOCAL BRIEFS

False Alarm—The fire truck was called out last night by a false alarm turned in at box 32, at 11:30 o'clock.

Visitors Here—Mayor and Mrs. E. H. Ford, of Reedsport, are visiting in La Grande with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Snodgrass and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Read.

In Heppner—Recent La Grande visitors at Heppner were Mr. and Mrs. Walter La Dusre, who were guests at the Turner home there.

W. H. C. To Meet—Installation of officers will be the main feature of the meeting of the Women's Relief Corps on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the C. of P. hall. Mrs. Laura Braden will act as installing officer.

Returns—Miss Edris Maguire returned Sunday to Portland after spending the holidays visiting her mother, Mrs. C. B. Morgan. Miss Maguire is a former La Grande girl, but is now working in Portland.

To Chehalis—Mr. and Mrs. Audmer Playle spent the past few days visiting their parents in La Grande, but have now returned to their home in Chehalis. Both are former La Grande residents.

Leaves—Herman J. Kramer left Dec. 27 for Portland, where he is a delegate to the meeting of the Oregon State Teachers association. Mr. and Mrs. Kramer spent the Christmas holidays with relatives here, and Mrs. Kramer, who was formerly Grace Chapman, will stay another week. Mr. Kramer is principal of the Junior High school in Hood River.

Former Resident—Miss Pearl Murray, of Baker, former La Grande High school student, is here for a few days visiting friends.

To Spokane—K. J. McWilliams, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Virginia, left today for Spokane, Wash., where the former will transact business. They expect to be gone for a few days. Miss McWilliams is a student at the Eastern Oregon Normal school.

Visits—Lola McWilliams has returned to Portland after spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. J. McWilliams. Miss McWilliams is employed in a Portland office.

Receives Treatment—A. E. Curtis was in La Grande yesterday from his home in the valley and received treatment at the Bouvy hospital.

From Wallawa—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hunter and daughter, Virginia, of Wallawa, are spending the day visiting friends in La Grande. Miss Virginia is a student at Oregon State college, and is spending the vacation with her parents.

Return—Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Erwin, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Eva Jane, spent the past week in Portland visiting, and returned to La Grande yesterday. Miss Erwin will spend the remainder of the vacation with her parents before returning to Wallawa, where she is a student at Whitman college.

Vacation Ends—After spending Christmas and the following weekend visiting her father, G. E. Duke, and other relatives, Miss Bess Duke returned last night to La Grande to resume her duties as reporter on the Observer.

Churches—Since the Observer will not publish New Year's day, all ministers of the city are requested to give the church editor their Sunday programs by Wednesday evening at 4 o'clock for publication in the Thursday edition.

Improving—Harry Knoda, who has been working for the railroad at Kamela, fell off an engine recently and injured his back. He was brought to La Grande for treatment and has been improving steadily.

Transacts Business—A. O. Frense, of Portland, who is well known in this vicinity, has been transacting business here.

Returns—Mrs. W. F. Wade, who has been spending the past week in Portland, returned this morning by train to La Grande. Mrs. Wade reports rain in the Western Oregon city. She visited friends during her stay there.

Visiting—Misses Evelyn and Jane Robinson are the guests of their aunt, Mrs. E. M. Hickox, for a few days. Mrs. Hickox spent Christmas visiting her sister in Portland and her nieces returned to La Grande to remain until the opening of school. They make their home in Portland but have friends in La Grande, having visited here last summer.

Luther League—The Luther League of the Zion English Lutheran church will hold its December social party tomorrow evening. The church annex will be the scene of the event which will be a "hard time" party. A potluck supper will be served at 7 o'clock, after which games will be played, and choir practice held. The committee in charge is composed of Helen Hughes, Edna and Helen Jensen and Helen Schilling.

EXPOSURE—During this stormy weather causes sickness. Don't take chances—Our Wet Wash at 4c per lb. saves all the heavy work.

MODERN LAUNDRY
PHONE MAIN 77

Visit Son—Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wildes are in Seattle spending the Christmas holidays. They met their son, who flew down from Alaska to Seattle where he is connected with the United States air service. They are expected to return to their home here soon, where he is connected with the West Coast secret service. Their son plans to return to Alaska and will not visit in La Grande.

To Portland—Fred Bracher, who arrived in La Grande Sunday to visit his brother, Rev. Edwin Bracher, pastor of the Zion Lutheran church, left today for Portland, where he will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Bracher, before returning to Berkeley, Cal., where he is a member of the faculty of the University of California.

To Meet—The primary children of the Second Ward of the L. D. S. church will meet at the church tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 and all are asked to be present since this will be the last meeting of the year. The meeting was postponed from this afternoon, Mrs. E. O. Morris states.

Meeting Date—The meeting of the Eagles auxiliary will not be held Thursday evening, Dec. 31, but instead the auxiliary will meet at the hall on Thursday, Jan. 3 at 7:30.

Methodist Church—The board of trustees of the Methodist church will meet tonight at 7:30 at the parsonage. The choir of the church also announces that it will have a rehearsal on Wednesday instead of Thursday at the parsonage.

To Portland—Mrs. J. C. Gulling will leave this evening for Portland where she will visit Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Corbett and her numerous other friends in that city. Mrs. Gulling is well known in Western Oregon, having visited there many times.

Annual Dance—The L. S. to the B. of L. F. and E. railroad men's organization, will hold its annual New Year's dance at the ball room of the Sacajawea Inn Thursday evening. The members plan to have the dance in the form of a "watch party" to greet the New Year.

Return—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Nicholson, who have been visiting in Yakima, Wash., for the past few days with Mrs. Nicholson's mother, are expected to return to La Grande this evening. Mr. Nicholson is connected with the West Coast secret service. They left La Grande for the Washington city on Dec. 24.

From Elgin—Mrs. Charles Larson is visiting relatives in La Grande for a few days while transacting business in this city. She makes her home in Elgin and has many friends here.

From the Greek—The word "attic" is geographical. The architects of Attica, of which Athens was the ancient capital, planned such a story, rising above an architrave or cornice, because it was especially suited to their type of building. In modern times such an Attica or Attic story has been called an attic.



Medico Head



Hungary Bars Her

She's Only Woman Opera Head



The only woman opera impresario in the country is Mrs. William C. Hammer, above, newly elected vice president and general manager of the Philadelphia Grand Opera Company. Only two other women in operatic history have held similar positions.

PLANES SOAR ABOVE CITY OF CHINCHOW

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return fire against the airplanes, the report said.

CHEN NEW MINISTER
NANKING, China, Dec. 29 (AP)—Eugene Chen, former foreign minister of the Hankow government, prominent journalist and Cantonese leader, was appointed foreign minister of the new Chinese government today by the central executive committee of the Kuomintang (nationalist party). Yesterday Lin Sen, 67, president of the legislative yuan, was elected chairman of the Chinese national government. It was he who succeeded Chiang Kai-Shek when Chiang resigned as president. A week later the entire cabinet resigned. As chairman of the government, Lin Sen has virtually the same powers as the president of the French republic. Sun Fo, minister of railways in the Chiang government, was appointed president of the executive yuan, which virtually means that he acts as premier, and Chen Ming-Shu was made vice president.

BLAME FOREIGNERS
TOKYO, Dec. 29 (AP)—Foreign military observers at Chinchow are helping the Chinese to commit "unjust and outrageous acts," the war office said in a statement today. "The observers give us the impression that they are misled by Chinese propaganda," the statement said, "and we also wonder if they are not prejudiced by a preconceived feeling of the Japanese army will attack Chinchow."

Reports of the observers would indicate that the Chinese have assumed a passive attitude, said the statement "but judging from confessions of prisoners, documents which have been seized, and other evidence, there is no room for doubt that many powerful contingents of bandits recently reorganized into a volunteer army are under the command of officers of the Chinchow army."

WOULD CLOSE LOOPHOLES IN TAX PAYMENT

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not decided yet on a tax increase program. It will take that matter up next week.

Predicts Tariff Law
Garner predicted the Democratic house would pass a tariff bill this session, but added that "I won't tell what kind of a measure it will be."

PLANS NEW ECONOMY DRIVE
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—The administration plans a new drive for consolidation of government departments and bureaus as a means of reducing federal expenditures. The president made the plan public today.

Within a month or two after congress has acted upon his emergency economic program, he will transmit a special message urging various consolidations. Among them he named transfer of the shipping board into the department of commerce; grouping under one head of the government's educational activities; creation of a bureau of construction to handle all federal building activities except for the army and navy; a combination of federal conservation activities, and a similar combining of public health efforts.

The president's statement contained excerpts from various of his messages to congress dealing with the proposed consolidations. Speaking of the transfer of the shipping board to the department of commerce, the president said in one message: "There should be created in that department a position of assistant secretary for merchant marine, under whom this work and the several bureaus having to do with merchant marine may be grouped."

It was his idea the shipping board should be made a regulatory body, acting also in an advisory capacity on loans and policies, with its regulatory powers extended to coastwise shipping and rates and services upon inland waterways. Of the creation of a public works administration the president's idea was that by combining all federal building under one head "great economies, sounder policies, more effective co-ordination to employment, and expedition in all construction work would result."

50,000 TOUR HAWAII IN 1931
HONOLULU (AP)—About 20,000 tourists, mostly from the mainland of the United States, visited Hawaii in 1931.

Bright Spots Appear On The Trade Horizon

By J. R. Brackett
(Associated Press Financial Writer)
NEW YORK (AP)—While most major lines of business have been forced to curtail production drastically in 1931, some industries offering necessary consumption goods have increased activities—though not always profitably.

The public, after declining to purchase needed wearing apparel for many months, found itself walking in too thin shoe soles and with the second pair of trousers threadbare. As a result the apparel industries were able to increase production to a point where many factories were operating at full tilt, increasing employment, though price cutting largely eliminated profits. The shoe industry particularly has shown increased activity, and, in some cases, profits.

Textiles increased production schedules, and there was a miniature boom in women's hats brought on by the demand for the Eugenie model. Food products, profiting through aggressive merchandising and some strength in commodity prices, have been an optimistic note throughout the year. If a generally upward price trend becomes discernible food products are likely to react strongly since buyers will purchase more heavily for future requirements.

Automobile tires and parts have had a strong market, in some cases expanding production to meet replacement demands. Gasoline consumption records show that total car mileage has not decreased in the depression. Utilities, while suffering a loss in total sale of current, have proceeded profitably because of increased household demand resulting largely from the growing number of electric refrigerators and other appliances.

Continued heavy advertising schedules have served to maintain use of tobacco products, though there has been a tendency to lower priced goods, and more lately a decline in total sales.

EUROPEAN ACCORD EXPECTED SOON

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sentiment on that point, it was said.

An internationally known banker who has been a warm friend of England and France expressed the opinion France could continue to make payments on its substantial reduced American debt regardless of whether German reparations payments were suspended. England, because of the depreciated pound, would find the problem harder he said. Another banker who enjoys high prestige in the field of international finance said that so long as European nations surrender to a spirit of "defeatism" there is little prospect that they will attempt to pay anything. But, he added, present disputes are largely surface frothings and will give way to a more reasonable attitude. Europe, this authority concluded is too sensible to let Germany crash.

BANKER SUICIDES

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 29 (AP)—Willis V. Sims, 49, prominent banker and a leader in civic affairs, died early today a short time after he had been found shot through the head in a rear room of the State Savings bank, of which he was president. Coroner George B. Gilmore pronounced the death suicide.

Home Again



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American Believed Slain in Paris



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Woof, Woof! Dogdom has just selected its 1931 All-America football team from the Bow Wow Conference. The judges claim there was never a more talented or harder hitting team of Springer Spaniel footballers. The backfield, above, is extremely fast while the line, below, is a stone wall against any offense. Mrs. Lois Tolliver of Omaha, Neb., is head coach of the All-America squad and hopes to arrange a game with the Kitty-Cat Conference All-Stars.

STORM TURNS INLAND FROM CALIFORNIA

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Northern California by the severe storms of Saturday and Sunday.

Communication systems still felt the effects of the storm but complete restoration of service between Portland and San Francisco was expected Wednesday. Miles of telephone poles were taken out by the storm between Weed and Dunsmuir, and in the Siskiyou mountains. The storm abated Monday and snowfall and rains virtually stopped. Occasional showers were predicted for today.

MORE RAIN, SNOW LIKELY
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29 (AP)—More rain and snow were predicted for California today and tomorrow by the United States weather bureau.

Train movements over the Sierra Nevada, checked for a time by snow-slides, were continuing today. Highways choked by landslides in several parts of the state were being re-opened to traffic today and most roads were considered passable. Nineteen persons were reported marooned, 10 of them at Primrose mine, near Sierra City, and the others in the Big Sur country near Carmel.

While flood waters were continuing to rise early today, Marced was considered the point most threatened by the waters, and guards were maintained on the Bear river levees.

Firestone Company Paying Dividends

AKRON, O., Dec. 29 (Special)—Sales of the Firestone Tire & Rubber company for the year ending Oct. 31, 1931 were \$113,797,282.50 and the net profit was \$6,028,630.00, according to a report made today by Harvey S. Firestone, president. This profit more than provides for the dividends on both the preferred and

JACOBY RESIGNS AS PARTNER FOR SIDNEY S. LENZ

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three rubbers past the two thirds mark became 59 for Culbertson's side and 44 for Lenz's.

Prior to the session Jacoby expressed the opinion privately that it was impossible for the Culbertson's lead to be overtaken. He figured that he and Lenz must win at least 36 of the remaining rubbers.

Playing Brilliant
It so happens that the session involving the most criticism of partners also saw the most brilliant play of any of the 14 sessions. Each side made end plays, so that opponents were forced to lead away from kings up to ace-queens or the like. Culbertson made an exit play, unnecessarily playing a king in order to prevent opponents from forcing him to lead. He also made a triple squeeze play.

The psychic bids of Jacoby which were the immediate cause of the resignation were on a hand in which his only face cards were a king and a queen. He bid one no trump over Mrs. Culbertson's one spade. Culbertson doubled and Jacoby then bid two clubs, having only four clubs, the highest of which was the eight spot. Culbertson read the bids as psychic and bid two no trump. Mrs. Culbertson raised him to three and they made five.

In another hand, Mrs. Culbertson made one no trump when she could have been set and in the same rubber Culbertson wound up making three no trump on a contract for two when he could have been set. Jacoby expressed the opinion that on both those hands Lenz made "stupid" plays. Culbertson Praises Jacoby
Culbertson expressed the hope that Lenz and Jacoby would patch things up, adding that a better partner than

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